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7 **BEFORE THE**
8 **BOARD OF REGISTERED NURSING**
9 **DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS**
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

10 In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

Case No. 2013-494

11 **MICHELLE MARIE COPPOCK**
12 **aka Michelle Dee Coppock**
226 Woodcrest Circle
13 Warner Robins, GA 31093

A C C U S A T I O N

14 **Registered Nurse License No. 692608**

15 Respondent.

16 Complainant alleges:

17 **PARTIES**

18 1. Louise R. Bailey, M.Ed., RN (Complainant) brings this Accusation solely in her
19 official capacity as the Executive Officer of the Board of Registered Nursing, Department of
20 Consumer Affairs.

21 2. On or about November 16, 2006, the Board of Registered Nursing issued Registered
22 Nurse License Number 692608 to Michelle Marie Coppock, aka Michelle Dee Coppock
23 (Respondent). The Registered Nurse License expired on December 31, 2008.

24 **JURISDICTION**

25 3. This Accusation is brought before the Board of Registered Nursing (Board),
26 Department of Consumer Affairs, under the authority of the following laws. All section
27 references are to the Business and Professions Code unless otherwise indicated.

28 4. Section 2750 of the Business and Professions Code (Code) provides, in pertinent part,

1 that the Board may discipline any licensee, including a licensee holding a temporary or an
2 inactive license, for any reason provided in Article 3 (commencing with section 2750) of the
3 Nursing Practice Act.

4 5. Section 2764 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that the expiration of a license
5 shall not deprive the Board of jurisdiction to proceed with a disciplinary proceeding against the
6 licensee or to render a decision imposing discipline on the license. Under section 2811(b) of the
7 Code, the Board may renew an expired license at any time within eight years after the expiration.

8 **STATUTORY AND REGULATORY PROVISIONS**

9 6. Section 2761 of the Code states, in pertinent part:

10 The board may take disciplinary action against a certified or licensed nurse or deny an
11 application for a certificate or license for any of the following:

12 (a) Unprofessional conduct, which includes, but is not limited to, the following:

13 ...

14 (4) Denial of licensure, revocation, suspension, restriction, or any other disciplinary action
15 against a health care professional license or certificate by another state or territory of the United
16 States, by any other government agency, or by another California health care professional
17 licensing board. A certified copy of the decision or judgment shall be conclusive evidence of that
18 action.

19 ...

20 **COST RECOVERY**

21 7. Section 125.3 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that the Board may request the
22 administrative law judge to direct a licensee found to have committed a violation or violations of
23 the licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and
24 enforcement of the case.

25 **CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

26 (Unprofessional Conduct – Discipline Against Florida License)

27 8. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 2761(a)(4) of the Code in
28 that she committed unprofessional conduct, in that the State of Florida imposed discipline upon

Respondent's nursing license for reasons substantially related to the practice of nursing. The circumstances are as follows:

9. On or about December 20, 2010, in an action entitled "Department of Health v. Michelle Marie Coppock," State of Florida Board of Nursing case number 2010-03056, the State of Florida imposed discipline upon Respondent's Florida nursing license number RN 9197166.

The action was based on the following Causes for Discipline:

a. Count One: Violation of Section 464.019(1)(j), Florida Statutes, in that Respondent is unable to practice nursing with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of Respondent's cocaine and opiate dependence.

b. Count Two: Violation of Section 464.018(1)(h), Florida Statutes, in that Respondent failed to account for doses of hydromorphone which she had removed from the Acudose¹ system in the medical facility where she was employed.

PRAYER

WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged, and that following the hearing, the Board of Registered Nursing issue a decision:

1. Revoking or suspending Registered Nurse License Number 692608, issued to Michelle Marie Coppock, aka Michelle Dee Coppock;

2. Ordering Respondent to pay the Board of Registered Nursing the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of this case, pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 125.3;

3. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

DATED: December 17, 2017

for LOUISE R. BAILEY, M.ED., RN
Executive Officer
Board of Registered Nursing
Department of Consumer Affairs
State of California
Complainant

¹ The Acudose system is an automated drug dispensing/accounting system.